

## **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

**between**

**The United States Air Force Chaplain Corps**

**and**

**The Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Program**

1. The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Chaplain Program was organized in 1950 by the Air Force Chief of Chaplains following a request from the Civil Air Patrol and its senior leadership. The first active duty Air Force chaplain assigned to the CAP was Chaplain, Colonel Robert Preston Taylor who later became the Chief of Air Force Chaplains.
2. The Civil Air Patrol is chartered by Congress as a nonprofit corporation and functions as a volunteer, civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Title 10, United States Code, Section 9442(b) gives the Secretary of the Air Force authority to use the services of the Civil Air Patrol in fulfilling non-combatant programs and missions of the Department of the Air Force. The Civil Air Patrol maintains the largest privately-owned aircraft fleet in the world and one of the world's largest chaplain corps.
3. Title 10, USC, Section 9446(b) states, "The Secretary of the Air Force may use the services of Civil Air Patrol chaplains in support of the Air Force active duty and reserve component forces to the extent and under conditions deemed appropriate."
4. This Memorandum of Agreement clarifies the relationship between the Air Force Chaplain Corps and the CAP Chaplain Program. It affirms the desire of CAP chaplains to be aligned with the Air Force Chaplain Corps and clarifies how the Air Force Chaplain Corps will provide for day-to-day accountability as well as advice to, liaison with and oversight of the CAP Chaplain Program.
5. The CAP Chaplain Program will be modeled after the Air Force Chaplain Corps. The CAP National Commander will appoint a senior chaplain to serve as the CAP Chief of Chaplains. The CAP Chief of Chaplains will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the CAP Chaplain Program. CAP chaplains are authorized to wear the same chaplain insignia as Air Force active duty, Guard and Reserve chaplains.
6. The Air Force Chief of Chaplains or designee will provide advice to, liaison with and oversight for chaplain issues to the CAP Chaplain Program and the CAP leadership.
7. The CAP Chief of Chaplains will be invited to attend Air Force Chaplain Corps Council meetings at least annually to update Council members on CAP issues and coordinate on ministry issues affecting CAP, active duty, National Guard and Air Force Reserve chaplains.
8. The CAP Chief of Chaplains will insure that

- a. Educational standards equivalent to those of Air Force chaplains are met when appointing CAP chaplains. Only chaplains who meet the active duty educational standards may provide direct chaplain assistance to the military;
  - b. A religious endorsing agency recognized by the Armed Forces Chaplains Board (AFCB) provides an ecclesiastical endorsement for every person appointed to be a CAP chaplain; and that
  - c. Training standards for CAP chaplains parallel as closely as possible the training standards for active duty, National Guard and Reserve chaplains.
9. A Chaplain Corps Advisory Council will provide oversight to the CAP Chaplain Program. This Council will be made up of the eight regional chaplains, the Chief of Chaplains Emeritus, a vice-chairperson and a recording secretary, and will be chaired by the CAP Chief of Chaplains. The vice-chairperson and recording secretary will be appointed by the chair.
  10. When funding is available, the Air Force Chief of Chaplains may include CAP chaplains in training opportunities.
  11. Active duty wing chaplains at stateside bases may use qualified CAP chaplains to assist in base chapel ministry. Trained CAP chaplains who qualify to wear the Air Force style uniform may be included in the base chapel's contingency plan, conduct veteran and retiree funerals and assist in other clergy functions as deemed appropriate by the wing chaplain. Upon request, the CAP Chief of Chaplains will provide wing chaplains a list of qualified CAP chaplains in their area.
  12. When providing chaplain assistance to military forces, qualified CAP chaplains will conform to the weight and grooming standards of CAPR 39-1 and wear the appropriate Air Force style uniform (including service dress, long-sleeved and short-sleeved blue shirt with or without tie/tab, BDU <sup>or ABU</sup> and ~~ABU~~) with distinctive CAP identification and insignia. No other uniforms are authorized.
  13. The Air Force Chief of Chaplains will inform Air Force personnel on the value of the CAP Chaplain Program and its unique role as the official auxiliary to the Air Force Chaplain Corps. Wing chaplains are encouraged to recognize, appreciate, support and partner with CAP chaplains.

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